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1. NORWEGIAN MISSION (HUSLID) SAYS DELAY IN FINALIZING ART. XXVIII NEGOTIATION WITH U.S.--WHICH ALREADY AGREED IN SUBSTANCE ON BASIS REFTEL--IS DUE SLOWNESS OF EC TO SORT OUT COMPLEXITIES OF OWN SETTLEMENT WITH NORWAY. LATEST OBSTACLE IS THAT EC HAD THOUGHT THEY GETTING INRS IN OWN SETTLEMENT PACKAGE WITH NORWAY, WHILE NORWAY WAS OFFERING ONLY KR-TYPE BINDINGS. U.S. HAS BEEN WILLING ACCEPT KR-TYPE BINDINGS FROM NORWAY ON REBINDING 21.06A3 YEAST AT 30 PERCENT AND 21.02A COFFEE EXTRACTS AT 0.20KR/KG. BOTH OF THESE ITEMS ARE IN NORWAY'S SETTLEMENT WITH EC AS WELL. EC TOLD NORWEGIANS THAT IF THEY NOT GETTING INRS AS ANTICIPATED, THEY CANNOT SETTLE WITHOUT GOING BACK THROUGH LENGTHY CLEARANCE PROCESS WITH MEMBER STATES.
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2. HUSLID SEES WAY OUT OF FURTHER DELAYS BY PROPOSING GIVE BOTH U.S. AND EC INRS ON TWO ABOVE-MENTIONED ITEMS. HUSLID FURTHER PROPOSES THAT ONLY ITEM IN U.S.-NORWAY SETTLEMENT TO CARRY KR-TYPE BINDING WOULD BE REBINDING OF EX10.06 B, HUSKED AND POLISHED RICE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, AT 0.60 KR/KG AND THAT REMAINING TWO ITEMS, 20.07 B1, B1, FROZEN ORANGE CONCENTRATE AT 0.12 KR/KG AND EX 20.07 B1 (B)2, ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT JUICE AT 0.25 KR/KG WOULD BOTH BE BOUND TO U.S. ONLY. THIS LATTER IS ALSO UNSOLICITED IMPROVEMENT IN NORWEGIAN OFFER TO U.S., SINCE WE HAD BEEN WILLING ACCEPT KR-TYPE BINDING ON FROZEN ORANGE CONCENTRATE AND ONLY REQUESTED INR ON ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT ITEM.

3. HUSLID HAS GOTTEN AUTHORITY FROM OSLO TO COMPLETE SETTLEMENT ON ABOVE BASIS. FALLOUT FOR U.S. IS THAT THIS GIVES U.S. MORE FIRM BINDINGS THAN IN EXISTING OFFER, ON WHICH WE WERE ALREADY PREPARED TO SETTLE (REFTEL). MISSION PLANS SIGN AGREEMENT ACCORDINGLY UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE BY END WEEK JUNE 17-21.DALE

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